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SAFE

I CLAIM:

1. (currently amended) A safe comprising:

- 2 an enclosure including
- a frame having a top, bottom, front, and back; said front of said frame
- 4 having an opening therein; said frame including:
- a hinge side wall having a length; and
- 6 a latch side wall opposing said hinge side wall and having a length;
- and
- 8 a door movable between closed and open positions including:
- an outer face; and
- 10 an inner face; said inner face in the closed door position for
- covering said opening of said front of said frame;
- 12 a hinge within said enclosure hingedly connecting said door to said hinge side
- wall for opening and closing said door;
- 14 a latch for holding said door in the closed position including:
- finger means including:
- 16 catch means; said finger means connected to said inner face of said
- door and projecting rearward such that said catch means is disposed within said enclosure
- 18 along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said door in the closed position;
- a latch plate including:
- 20 engaging means; said latch plate mounted to said frame within said
- enclosure adjacent substantially the length of said latch side wall; said latch plate
- 22 movable between a latching position wherein said engaging means engages said catch
- means of said finger means along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said
- 24 door in the closed position such that said door cannot open and an unlatching position
- wherein said engaging means does not engage said catch means;

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26 latch plate moving means connected to said latch plate for moving said
latch plate between the latching position and the unlatching position; said moving means
28 actuated from external said enclosure; and

locking means including:

30 a main bolt mounted to said frame within said enclosure; said main bolt
movable between a locking position wherein said main bolt engages said latch plate such
32 that said latch plate cannot move to the unlatching position and an unlocking position
wherein said main bolt does not prevent said latch plate from moving to the unlatching
34 position;

main bolt moving means for moving said main bolt between the locking
36 position and the unlocking position; said main bolt moving means accessed from external
said frame; and

38 a first lock including:

a bolt; and

40 lock actuation means; said first lock mounted to said frame and
actuated by said first lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking
42 position wherein said first lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said first lock
44 bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

2. (original) The safe of Claim 1 wherein said first lock is a key lock and said actuation
2 means is a keyway through said frame

3. (original) The safe of Claim 1 wherein said latch plate moving means, said main bolt
2 moving means, and said first lock actuation means act through said latch side wall.

4. (original) The safe of Claim 1 further including:

2 a second lock including:

a bolt; and

4 lock actuation means; said second lock mounted to said frame and
actuated by said second lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking

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6 position wherein said second lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said second lock
8 bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

5. (original) The safe of Claim 4 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated by
2 a remote control.

6. (original) The safe of Claim 4 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated by
2 a keypad on the outside of said frame.

7. (currently amended) A wall safe for disposition in a wall; said safe comprising:
2 an enclosure including
a frame having a top, bottom, front, and back and having a back portion
4 for disposition in the wall and a front portion; said front of said frame having an opening
therein; said frame including:
6 securing means for securing said frame in a wall;
a hinge side wall having a length; and
8 a latch side wall opposing said hinge side wall and having a length;
and
10 a door movable between closed and open positions including:
an outer face; and
12 an inner face; said inner face in the closed door position for
covering said opening of said front of said frame;
14 a hinge within said enclosure hingedly connecting said door to said hinge side
wall for opening and closing said door;
16 a latch for holding said door in the closed position including:
finger means including:
18 catch means; said finger means connected to said inner face of said
door and projecting rearward such that said catch means is disposed within said enclosure
20 along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said door in the closed position;
a latch plate including:

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22 engaging means; said latch plate mounted to said frame within said
enclosure adjacent substantially the length of said latch side wall; said latch plate
24 movable between a latching position wherein said engaging means engages said catch
means of said finger means along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said
26 door in the closed position such that said door cannot open and an unlatching position
wherein said engaging means does not engage said catch means;

28 latch plate moving means for moving said latch plate between the latching
position and the unlatching position; said moving means actuated from external said
30 enclosure; and

locking means including:

32 a main bolt mounted to said frame within said enclosure; said main bolt
movable between a locking position wherein said main bolt engages said latch plate such
34 that said latch plate cannot move to the unlatching position and an unlocking position
wherein said main bolt does not prevent said latch plate from moving to the unlatching
36 position;

main bolt moving means for moving said main bolt between the locking
38 position and the unlocking position; said main bolt moving means accessed from external
said frame; and

40 a first lock including:

a bolt; and

42 actuation means; said first lock mounted to said frame and actuated
by said actuation means from external said frame between a locking position wherein
44 said first lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt cannot move from the
locking position to an unlocked position wherein said first lock bolt does not prevent said
46 main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

8. (original) The safe of Claim 7 wherein said first lock is a key lock and said actuation
2 means is a keyway through said frame.

9. (original) The safe of Claim 7 wherein said latch plate moving means, said main bolt
2 moving means, and said first lock actuation means act through said latch side wall

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10. (original) The safe of Claim 7 further including:

- 2 a second lock including:
 - a bolt; and
 - 4 lock actuation means; said second lock mounted to said frame and
- 6 actuated by said second lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking
- 8 position wherein said second lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt
- cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said second lock
- bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

11. (original) The safe of Claim 10 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated
2 by a remote control.

12. (original) The safe of Claim 10 wherein said second lock is electronic and actuated
2 by a keypad on the outside of said frame.

13. (currently amended) In combination:

- 2 a wall having a front including:
 - framing including:
 - 4 a pair of spaced wall studs;
 - a wall safe comprising:
 - 6 an enclosure including
 - a frame having a top, bottom, front, and back and a width equal to
 - 8 the lateral spacing of said wall studs, and having a back portion ~~for retention~~ retained in
 - said wall; said front of said frame having an opening therein; said frame including
 - 10 a hinge side wall having a length; and
 - a latch side wall opposing said hinge side wall and having a
 - 12 length; and
 - a door movable between closed and open positions including:
 - 14 an outer face; and

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an inner face; said inner face in the closed door position for
16 covering said opening of said front of said frame;
securing means ~~for securing~~ securing said wall safe to said wall framing;
18 a hinge within said enclosure hingedly connecting said door to said hinge
side wall for opening and closing said door;
20 a latch for holding said door in the closed position including:
finger means including:
22 catch means; said finger means connected to said inner face
of said door and projecting rearward such that said catch means is disposed within said
24 enclosure along substantially the length of said latch side wall with said door in the
closed position;
26 a latch plate including:
engaging means; said latch plate mounted to said frame
28 within said enclosure adjacent substantially the length of said latch side wall; said latch
plate movable between a latching position wherein said engaging means engages said
30 catch means of said finger means along substantially the length of said latch side wall
with said door in the closed position such that said door cannot open and an unlatching
32 position wherein said engaging means does not engage said catch means;
latch plate moving means for moving said latch plate between the
34 latching position and the unlatching position; said moving means actuated from external
said enclosure; and
36 locking means including:
a main bolt mounted to said frame within said enclosure; said main
38 bolt movable between a locking position wherein said main bolt engages said latch plate
such that said latch plate cannot move to the unlatching position and an unlocking
40 position wherein said main bolt does not prevent said latch plate from moving to the
unlatching position;
42 main bolt moving means for moving said main bolt between the
locking position and the unlocking position; said main bolt moving means accessed from
44 external said frame; and
a first lock including:

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46 a bolt; and
actuation means; said first lock mounted to said frame and
48 actuated by said actuation means from external said frame between a locking position
wherein said first lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt cannot move
50 from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said first lock bolt does not
prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

14. (original) The combination of Claim 13 wherein said latch plate moving means, said
2 main bolt moving means, and said first lock actuation means act through said latch side
wall.

15. (original) The combination of Claim 13 further including:
2 a second lock including:
a bolt; and
4 lock actuation means; said second lock mounted to said frame and
actuated by said second lock actuation means from external said frame between a locking
6 position wherein said second lock bolt engages said main bolt such that said main bolt
cannot move from the locking position to an unlocked position wherein said second lock
8 bolt does not prevent said main bolt from moving to the unlocked position.

16. (original) The combination of Claim 15 wherein said second lock is electronic; and
2 wherein said latch plate moving means, said main bolt moving means, and said first lock
actuation means act through said latch side wall.

17. (original) The combination of Claim 15 wherein said second lock is electronic and
2 actuated by a remote control.

18. (original) The combination of Claim 15 wherein said second lock is electronic and
2 actuated by a keypad on the outside of said frame.

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19. (original) The combination of Claim 13 wherein said hinge side wall and said latch
2 side wall are horizontal.

20. (currently amended) The combination of Claim ~~18~~ 13 wherein said hinge side wall
2 is below said latch side wall.

21. (cancelled)

22. (new) The safe of Claim 1 wherein said first lock is a mechanical lock and said
2 actuation means operates through said frame.